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Application of )  
Victor Matassa et al. )  
Serial No. 09/719,261 )  
Filed: July 23, 2001 )  
For: "Peptide Inhibitors of )  
Hepatitis C Virus NS3 )  
Protease" )

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

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**RESUBMISSION OF SEQUENCE LISTING**

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825 AND SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The present submission is in response to the October 10, 2001 Office Communication containing a Notification of Defective Response.

To comply with the requirements under 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825, resubmitted herewith is a revised sequence listing of the amino acids presented in the above-referenced application. The sequence listing is being resubmitted in both paper copy and computer-readable form. Applicants respectfully request entry of the sequence listing into the above identified patent application. The undersigned hereby verifies that the paper copy and computer readable form of the sequence listing are identical and do not contain any new matter.

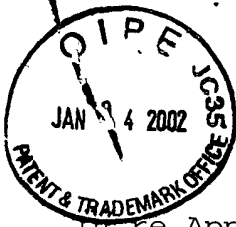
In the event that a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the account of the undersigned, Account No. 04-1406. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF  
ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEES ALLEGEDLY DUE**

Dear Sir:

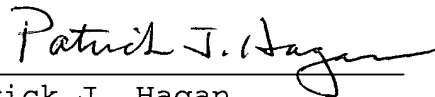
A Notification of Defective Response (Notification) was issued October 10, 2001 in the above-identified patent application.

The Notification, at page 2, makes reference to an alleged defect regarding the filing fee remitted for this application. Specifically, an additional claim fee of \$18.00 is stated to be due "for 10 total claims over 20". The Fee Calculation sheet submitted with the Form PTO-1392 in this case shows an entry of \$162.00 for 9 total claims over 20.

The international patent application on which the present U.S. national stage application is based includes 30 claims. By Preliminary Amendment (copy attached), filed December 8, 2000 in the present application, new dependent claim 31 was added and original claims 26 and 27 were deleted, thus making a total of 29 claims, not 30 claims as indicated in the Notification. It is not seen how the present application is deemed to have 10 total claims over 20. Clarification of the basis of this determination is respectfully requested.

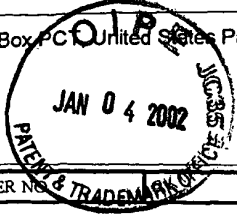
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required for this application, or credit any over payment, to Deposit Account No. 04-1406. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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### NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fee
- Priority Document
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette
- Biochemical Sequence Listing
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Oath or Declaration
- Preliminary Amendments

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 for the following reason(s):
  - raw sequence listing error report
  - **APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE:**
    - An initial or substitute paper copy or compact disc of the "Sequence Listing," as well as an amendment directing its entry into the specification.
- For questions regarding compliance to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 requirements, please contact:
  - For Rules Interpretation, call (703) 308-4216
  - To Purchase PatentIn Software, call (703) 306-2600
  - For PatentIn Software Program Help, call (703) 306-4119 or e-mail at [patin21help@uspto.gov](mailto:patin21help@uspto.gov) or [patin3help@uspto.gov](mailto:patin3help@uspto.gov)

**Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this**

**Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended up to a maximum of six months.**

Additionally the following defects have been observed:

- Additional claim fees of **\$18** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$18** for a Large Entity:

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$18**
  - **\$18** for 10 total claims over 20.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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